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MAY CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This May I am pleased and honored to celebrate Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month. This month, we pay tribute to the contributions Asian and Pacific Islanders have made to American history, society and culture. API Heritage Month originated in 1978 when Congress passed a law directing the President to issue a proclamation designating the week of May 4, 1979 as API Heritage Week. Presidents Carter, Reagan, and George H.W. Bush annually issued proclamations designating a week in May to celebrate API heritage.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush issued Presidential Proclamation 6130 designating May "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month." In 1992, Congress passed law to make this proclamation permanent. Since then, Americans have annually recognized and celebrated API history and heritage during May.

- KQED Asian Heritage Month Guide – May 2011
- 4th Annual Queer & Asian Conference (QACON) 11 (Berkeley, CA) April 29 – May 5, 2011
- Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival April 28 – May 7, 2011
- Asian Cultural Festival of San Diego (San Diego, CA) May 1, 2011
- 7th Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration (San Francisco, CA) May 21, 2011
- Pacific Rim Street Fair (Sacramento, CA) May 22, 2011
- Los Angeles County Public Library API American Heritage Month
- Friends of the Rockridge Library (Rockridge, CA) May 17, 2011
- API Heritage Month historical information (Library of Congress)

Cinco De Mayo

On Thursday, May 5, 2011 we celebrated Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo commemorates the 1862 Mexican victory over French forces in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín. It is celebrated primarily in the state of Puebla and in the United States. In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Latino

populations. For information on events happening this month, please visit the links below.

- San Francisco Bay Area 2011 Cinco de Mayo Events
- Cinco de Mayo 2011 (Oakland, CA)
- Celebración del Cinco de Mayo (Hayward, CA) May 7, 2011
- Cinco De Mayo and Fiestas Patrias (Los Angeles, CA)
- 22nd Annual Fiesta Broadway (Los Angeles, CA) May 8, 2011

National Small Business Week (May 18-20, 2011)

In 1963, the first president to sign a proclamation for National Small Business Week was John F. Kennedy. As a result, National Small Business Week is held each year in May to honor and recognize the contributions of small businesses and top entrepreneurs across the US.

- U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business Week 2011
- Visit your local Chamber of Commerce for more information